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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-41, and 43-74 are pending. Claims 2, 11, and 42 have been canceled. Claims 30-34 and 61-72 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1, 3-5, 29, 60, and 73 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 6, 12, 14, 35, 43, 45, 56, and 74 have been amended. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 56 has been amended to correct a typographical error. This also addresses the objections to claims 57-59.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 74 has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendment was simply to correct a typographical error and does not narrow or further limit the claim. As claim 74 has been indicated as allowable other than the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, claim 74 is deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 6-10 and 12-28

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate claim 11, which was indicated as allowable, and so claim 6 is deemed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 7-10 and 12-28 depend from and further limit claim 6 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 6.

Claims 35-41 and 43-59

Claim 35 has been amended to incorporate claim 42, which was indicated as allowable, and so claim 35 is deemed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 36-41 and 43-59 depend from and further limit claim 35 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 35.

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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is needed to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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